

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 6, line 5, as follows:

-- The vibration damper 1 comprises a coil spring 9 which is cylindrically wound and comprises several turns 42 of a steel wire of constant diameter. The turns 42 lie at a spacing one next to the other. It can be practical to configure the coil spring 9 to also be conical or to change the thickness of the turns 42 over the length of the coil spring 9. A first end 10 of the coil spring 9 is screwed onto the attachment element 11 made especially of metal, light metal, plastic or another elastomeric material. As shown in FIG. 4, the attachment element 11 functions to fix the vibration damper 1 to the first component 2, namely, the engine housing 6 of the internal combustion engine 5. With the second end 13, the coil spring 9 is connected via an additional attachment element 12 to the second component 3, the handle 7, of the portable handheld work apparatus 4. The attachment elements (11, 12) are provided with respective cylindrical sections (43, 43') for the form-tight connection of the attachment elements (11, 12) to the coil spring 9. The cylindrical sections (43, 43') carry a multiple outer thread (44, 44') onto which are screwed respective portions of ~~turns 14~~ turns 42 on the ends (10, 13) of the coil spring 9 are ~~screwed~~. The attachment elements (11, 12) are held approximately on the longitudinal center axis 15 of the coil spring 9 axially at a spacing 16 to each other. --

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 9, line 13, as follows:

-- The assembly of the vibration damper according to FIGS. 1 to 4 takes place in the following manner. The attachment element 12 is screwed onto the end 13 of the coil spring 9 until the end of the ~~component coil 14~~ coil spring 9 comes in contact engagement against a stop 52 (see FIG. 2) of the attachment element 12. The coupling member 17 comprises the steel rope 27 and the holders 21 and 22 formed thereon on the respective rope ends. The coupling member 17 is first pushed with the holder 21 into the receptacle section 31' of the attachment element 12 and is guided through the through opening 37 and the cylindrical section 45 so far that the holder 22 comes to rest in the receptacle section 31'. The coupling member 17 passes through the coil spring 9 so far that the holder 21 can be guided into the receptacle section 31 of the attachment element 11. For this purpose, the rope 27 is guided radially from the peripheral edge 32 of the attachment element 11 through the slot 33. Thereafter, the attachment element 11 is screwed onto the end 10 of the coil spring 9. The coupling member 17 passes centrally through the coil spring 9 and is guided with axial play between the attachment elements 11 and 12. The vibration damper 1 can be fixed to the first component 2 and to the second component 3. --